

Editorial

The Local Council elections in May mean that the BRA area is now represented by six Councillors (3 from Hammersmith Broadway, 3 from Ravenscourt Park).

The Councillors from Hammersmith Broadway are Mike Cartwright, Hugh Davies and Steve Cowan.

The Councillors from Ravenscourt Park are Chris Allen, Caroline Donald and Fiona Evans.

We wish to congratulate all the new Councillors on their election and we look forward to their involvement with the Association to further our aims and help look after the concerns of residents.

CONSERVATION NEWS

The Council has recently reviewed all the areas in the Borough and considered the value of these areas in terms of their special character, appearance and historic interest. As a result of this review the Council has extended a number of existing conservation areas, as well as designating two new conservation areas. This review did not identify a need to extend the Bradmore Conservation Area.'

LOCAL POST OFFICE UNDER THREAT

There is a rumour that there are plans to close the sub-Post Office in Brackenbury Road. There have been assurances from the area manager that this is not the case, but residents will want to keep a close eye on developments. This Post Office is particularly useful to the local community and is much used by those who work from home, pensioners and the disabled.

In order to avoid closure the sub-Post Office has to show a higher throughput of trade so we do encourage members to use it (or lose it).

JUBILEE STREET PARTY

BRA members and other residents got together and organised a Street Party to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee on Monday 3rd June.

An organisation Committee was formed back in May and they successfully motivated one and all to participate in the event in Hammersmith Grove alongside the parade of shops north of the Grove restaurant.

The party kicked off at 4 p.m. with live music from DJs and bands and everyone was invited to bring their own food and drink. The weather was kind, and although it did get very overcast thankfully there was no rain. Besides the Treasure Hunt, Quiz, Face-painting and Raffle - there was a Kissing Booth which did really good trade.

The event was supported with a grant from Hammersmith & Fulham Council, and money from local businesses and BRA. Cheques are being sent to Barnardo's and Cruse (two of the six charities on the Queen's list for jubilee year).

A big thank you to the organisers and all those who participated.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The BRA AGM is to be held at the Grove Neighbourhood Centre (Bradmore Park Road) on Thursday 11th July at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting will start with the Chairman's Report and will be followed by our guest speaker Barbara Woda who will address us on "**The Bradmore Conservation Area.**"

The BRA Committee are seeking to expand the area that we cover in order to be more effective and enable more people to join us. To do this we have to change the rules of the Association and this can only be done at the Annual General Meeting.

The evening will finish off with the election of the Committee for next year. Nomination forms for the election to the Committee are available from Rosemary Pettit at rosemarypettit@onetel.net.uk or from Buchanans Organic Foodshop in Brackenbury Road.

LOCAL HEROES

From Sewers to Churches - the Bird Family

Dr Moya Tyson's talk on the Bird family of Hammersmith (at the Irish Centre) shed light on much of the building development of the area, as well as signalling the life and times of Victorian entrepreneurs and philanthropists.

The story began with William Bird of Cookham who came to Hammersmith c.1774 and worked as a bricklayer.

Searching through the Latymer School archives Dr Tyson discovered that two of his sons were Latymer charity scholars and, by 1801, three brothers (George, William and Stephen Bird) set up business together as bricklayers.

The brothers prospered, buying land for brick-making, living in Brook Green, and making a great deal of money from sewer building. They were also responsible for the foundations of Hammersmith Bridge, St Peter's church, the Brook Green police station, the first part of Brompton Hospital and much more.

A fuller version of this report is available from Rosemary Pettit (contact details below)

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Neighbourhood Watch

The Brackenbury Residents Association - in support of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme - invites you to subscribe free of charge to the weekly Ringmaster news bulletin on crime in the area. This can be brought to you either by email, by fax or by phone and is compiled by PC Ian Duff, the Community Officer for Hammersmith Broadway ward, and by PC Peter Riches, the Community Officer for Ravenscourt Park ward (The area west of Carthew Rd and Banim St is in Ravenscourt Park ward.)

If you are already receiving Ringmaster for your area there is no need to take further action. But if you now wish to subscribe to the Ringmaster system, and keep up to date with local crime figures, trends and police advice, please contact PC Duff or PC Peter Riches on tel. 07812 937 712 or 0208 246 2653, or email ian.duff@met.police.uk.

RUBBISH AND STREET CLEANSING

BRA is in liaison with the Brook Green Residents Association to see what we can do to get the Council to improve the level of street cleaning and the rubbish collection service in our areas.

A meeting has been planned for Committee members to meet on June 25th to draw up a wish list and propose a plan of action.

Street cleaning is being addressed under the Council's 'Smarter Borough initiative which is monitored by the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Panel (ERSP). The new chair of ERSP is one of our new councillors - Huw Davies and he can be emailed on davies_huw1@yahoo.co.uk

Apparently, a lot of street litter is caused by businesses putting rubbish out at the wrong time or without a trade waste agreement and hoping the Council will remove it. This then get spread around the streets. The Council now has a new team of inspectors to deal solely with this issue and in the couple of months that they've been in the job they've already made some successful prosecutions

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